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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alexandria, KY — — Do you like to watch the storms roll in? Would you like to know the difference in a thunderstorm cloud, a hail storm cloud and a burgeoning tornado?

The National Weather Service, in collaboration with Campbell County Office of Emergency Management, will be offering a Weather Spotter Class Tuesday night March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

The free, two-hour class will be held at Campbell County Fire Training Center at 10 Training Center Drive, Highland Heights, KY and will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Weather Spotters work with the National Weather Service to report storms and other weather events they see.

"When you become a spotter, you're helping your local community stay safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service," said William Ray Turner, Campbell County Emergency Management director. "And you can provide information in all types of weather hazards."

The class covers basic information including the different types of severe storms, "how they develop, what they look like, what the different cloud formations look like," Turner said.

"It's not going to make you a TV Weatherman by any stretch of the imagination, nor is it meant to be," said Turner.

What the class does do is "give you the opportunity to be more informed about what is happening out there in your community or wherever you may be.

"You may be coaching a playing golf or just working outdoors . And if you see changing weather, then you can alert other people and report it to the Weather Service," Turner said. That gives the weather service and the local emergency management agency the quick info they need to activate weather sirens, send out weather radio alerts, or take other action.

"The more eyes and ears we have out there that can report information to the National

Weather Service, the better off we all are," Mary Jo Parker with the National Weather Service said. By combining information from weather spotters with satellite and radar information, the weather service is "able to issue more timely and accurate warnings", Parker said.

Of course, taking the class doesn't obligate you to be a storm spotter. "Anybody is eligible to attend the training," Parker said. "If people have any interest at all," they are welcome.

The class will also cover basic severe weather safety and weather radios.

If you're interested in attending the class, you may RSVP to Turner at [eoc@campbellcountyky.org](mailto:eoc@campbellcountyky.org) or 859-635-1111.